



Christopher Ashby **Former U.S. Ambassador to Uruguay**

Biographical Data

Christopher Ashby served as the United States Ambassador to Uruguay from 1997-2001.

He was born in Dallas, Texas. He graduated from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in 1968, and received an M.B.A. from the University of Texas Graduate School of Business Administration in 1970. He attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Management and the Harvard Business School. Ambassador Ashby spent four years in the Marine Corps as an infantry officer, and served in Vietnam as a platoon commander.

He has been in international banking with Chemical Bank and Chase Manhattan Bank since 1973. In 1975, he was posted to Jakarta, Indonesia, where he became President-Director of the Joint Venture Merchant Bank. In 1979, he was transferred to Madrid, Spain, to open the Chemical Bank operation there, and in 1981 became General Manager for Spain and Portugal.

In 1989, he returned to the United States, where he managed the relationships with the United Nations, the UN Development Programme (UNDP), the UN International Children's Fund (UNICEF), and other UN agencies, and the New York diplomatic community.

He was later in charge of the branch system in Midtown Manhattan and the retail investment banking effort. Ambassador Ashby was a member of the Business Advisory Committee of the Business Council of the United Nations (BCUN), the National Advisory Board of the Small Business Administration, and the Foreign Policy Association of New York.

Ambassador Ashby is married to Amy Donnelly Ashby, and has four children: Christopher, Anson, Patrick and Kathleen.



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